

Amendments In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-12, 15-19, 22-24, 26, 29-33, 36, 37 and 39, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 obtaining a request to provide a requested service, wherein
 the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language; ~~[[, and]]~~
~~at least one device of a plurality of devices is configured to provide the~~
~~service;~~
selecting identifying a first one device of the a plurality of devices at least one device
 to provide the requested service, wherein
each of the plurality of devices is configured to provide a corresponding
service; and
 converting the request to a second request, wherein
 the second request conforms to a request format defined in a second language,
 and
 the first one device is configured to provide the requested service in response to
 receiving the second request.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 directing the second request to the first one device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein
 the first language is a markup language;
 the second language is a device-specific language of a plurality of device-specific
 languages, wherein
 each of the plurality of devices communicates using one of the plurality of device-
 specific languages.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the request
 formats comprise[[s]]:
 at least one instruction, and
 data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 **further comprising:**
wherein
specifying the request specifies use of a specific feature of **the first a specific** device of
the plurality of devices, wherein by
said specifying use of a specify feature comprises specifying an optional
variable[[,]] and providing a value for the optional variable, [[;]] and
said the converting the request to the second request comprises
including the optional variable in the at least one instruction of the second
request, and
including the value for the optional variable in the data of the second
request, ~~wherein the optional variable and the value specify use~~
of the specific feature.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
sending a response to the request.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the response
format comprises:
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
obtaining means for obtaining a request to provide a **requested** service, wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language; [[, and]]
~~at least one device of a plurality of devices is configured to provide the~~
service;
selecting identifying means for **selecting a first identifying one** device of **the a**
plurality of devices at least one device to provide the **requested** service,
wherein
each of the plurality of devices is configured to provide a corresponding
service; and

converting means for converting the request to a second request, wherein
the second request conforms to a request format defined in a second language,
and
the first one device is configured to provide the requested service in response to
receiving the second request.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9 further comprising:
directing means for directing the second request to the first one device.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 10 wherein the request
format_s comprise_{[[s]]};
at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 11 further comprising:
first including means for including an optional variable in the at least one instruction of
the second request_{[[,]]} and
second including means for including a value of the optional variable in the data of the
second request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of the first a
specific device ~~of the plurality of devices~~.

13. **(Original)** The system of claim 10 further comprising:
sending means for sending a response to the request.

14. **(Original)** The system of claim 13 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 14 wherein the response
format comprises;
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising:
 obtaining instructions to obtain a request to provide a requested service, wherein
 the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language; ~~[[, and]]~~
~~at least one device of a plurality of devices is configured to provide the~~
~~service;~~
selecting identifying instructions to select a first identify one device of ~~the~~ a plurality
of devices at least one device to provide the requested service, wherein
each of the plurality of devices is configured to provide a corresponding
service; and
 converting instructions to convert the request to a second request in a request format
defined in a second language, wherein
 the second request conforms to a second language, and
 the first one device is configured to provide the requested service in response to
 receiving the second request.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 16
 further comprising:
 directing instructions to direct the second request to the first one device.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17,
 wherein the request formats comprise[[s]]:
 at least one instruction, and
 data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 18
 further comprising:
 first including instructions to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of
 the second request; ~~[[,]]~~ and
 second including instructions to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the
 second request, wherein
 the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of the first a
specific device of the plurality of devices.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17 further comprising:
 sending instructions for sending a response to the request.

21. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 20 wherein the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 21 wherein the response format comprises:
 at least one instruction; and
 data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:
 a processor configured to execute for executing instructions; ~~and~~
a plurality of devices directly coupled to the computer system, wherein
each device is configured to perform a corresponding service; and
 a memory, coupled to the processor, and configured to store for storing the
 instructions, wherein
~~the memory is coupled to the processor, and~~
 the instructions comprise[[:]]
 obtaining instructions to obtain a request to provide a service, wherein
 the request conforms to a request format defined in a first
 language, and
 at least one device of the ~~[[a]]~~ plurality of devices provides the
 service;
 identifying instructions to identify a first one device of the at least one
 device to provide the service; and
 converting instructions to convert the request to a second request in a
 second language, wherein
 the second request conforms to a request format defined in a
 second language, and
 the first one device is configured to provide the service in
 response to receiving the second request.

24. **(Currently Amended)** The computer system of claim 23 wherein the instructions further comprise:
directing instructions to direct the second request to the first ~~one~~ device.

25. **(Previously Presented)** The computer system of claim 24 wherein the request format comprises
at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

26. **(Currently Amended)** The computer system of claim 25 wherein the instructions further comprise:
first including instructions to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of
the second request; ~~[[,]]~~ and
second including instructions to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the
second request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of the first a
~~specific device of the plurality of devices.~~

27. **(Original)** The computer system of claim 24 wherein the instructions further comprise:
sending instructions for sending a response to the request.

28. **(Original)** The computer system of claim 27 wherein the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

29. **(Currently Amended)** The computer system of claim 28 wherein the response format comprises:
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

30. **(Currently Amended)** A system comprising:
an obtaining module configured to obtain a request to provide a service, wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, ~~and~~
at least one device of a plurality of devices is configured to provide the service,
and

the plurality of devices is directly coupled to the system;

an identifying module **configured** to identify **a first one** device of the at least one device to provide the service; and

a converting module **configured** to convert the request to a second request in a second language, wherein

the second request conforms to **a request format defined in** a second language,

and

the **first one** device is configured to provide the service in response to receiving the second request.

31. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 30 further comprising:
a directing module to direct the second request to the **first one** device.

32. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 31 wherein
the request format~~s~~ comprise~~[[s]]~~;
at least one instruction~~;~~ ~~[[,]]~~ and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

33. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 32 further comprising:
a first including module to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of
the second request~~;~~ ~~[[,]]~~ and
a second including module to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the
second request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of **the first a**
specific device of the plurality of devices.

34. **(Original)** The system of claim 31 further comprising:
a sending module for sending a response to the request.

35. **(Original)** The system of claim 34 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

36. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 35 wherein
the response format comprises:
at least one instruction; and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

37. **(Currently Amended)** An application programming interface comprising:
a request definition for a first command to provide a request for a requested service,
wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language,
the request format is specified in the request definition,
~~at least one device of~~ a plurality of devices are each ~~is~~ configured to provide a
corresponding the service,
one device of the plurality of devices ~~at least one device~~ is selected identified to
provide the requested service in response to the first command,
the request is converted to a second request,
the second request conforms to a request format defined in a second language,
and
the one device is configured to provide the requested service in response to
receiving the second request.

38. **(Original)** The application programming interface of claim 37 further comprising:
a response definition for a response format in which a response to the request is provided.

39. **(Currently Amended)** The application programming interface of claim 37 further comprising:
an initialization definition for a second command to initialize prior to providing the
request for the requested service.